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## New Additions to Faculty

This year seven new teachers assumed their positions at M.B.A. Since most of them have taught somewhere before, this faculty is among the most experienced that Mr. Carter has had. Their previous experience will help to improve M.B.A. in both academics and athletics.

Mr. James Poston teaches English III, English IV, and speech. Mr. Poston taught at M.B.A. from 1959 to 1968; he then left to teach at Pinecrest School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. There he taught English to seventh, eighth, and ninth graders.

He has returned to M.B.A.'s faculty and is very happy to teach here once more, because he "likes the small classes, the high caliber of the students, and the way the teachers come to their students." He describes the average M.B.A. student as, "a true gentleman who respects his teachers and is willing to work."

Mr. Poston also sponsors the dramatics club. In 1967, he was chosen as the Outstanding Young Teacher by the Franklin Road Jaycees.

Mr. Bowers came to Nashville from Nancy, France, in 1946. She is now teaching French I, II, and IV. This is her eleventh year of teaching; for the last ten years she taught at Peabody Demonstration School and at Peabody College.

She finds no difference in the discipline problems between M.B.A. and Peabody, though she does like the smaller classes here. She feels that there is better communication between students and teachers at M.B.A.

Mrs. Bowers also thinks that the mini-courses should be full courses. She would like to see humanities and more languages offered. She feels that the emphasis

on athletics is important to every boy.

Mr. Jim Jefferson is not new to the profession, this being his fourth year of teaching. He has previously taught at Overton and at John Trotwood Moore. While teaching seventh grade math, Mr. Jefferson coaches varsity wrestling, Freshman football, and varsity baseball. He attended Peabody College, where he participated in intramural wrestling.

Having taught in public schools for three years, Mr. Jefferson is well qualified to compare M.B.A.'s discipline with that of public schools. He feels that the discipline at M.B.A. is much better because of the boys' respect for each other and the close student-teacher relationship in the classroom. He also thinks that girls would cause an interference in discipline and that M.B.A. should remain an all-boys' school. He does not, however, recommend an all-boys' college. "The greatest aspect of M.B.A.," says Mr. Jefferson, "is mind discipline, because learning how to study properly prepares one well for college."

Mr. Jefferson also thinks that M.B.A. students would benefit from a wider curriculum. He believes that offering this year's mini-courses as optional full-course subjects would broaden the student's background for college.

Mrs. William T. Warren now teaches Spanish I here at M.B.A. She was born in Portugal and attended high school there. She then attended college in Germany, where she received a B.A. from the University in Bonn. Then she went to the University of France, where she obtained her Ph.D. Mrs. Warren speaks German, Portuguese, French, and English.

She has taught at an all-girls'

public high school in Paris, France. Mrs. Warren remarked that at that school, the languages she taught were entirely voluntary, not mandatory as at M.B.A.

Mrs. Warren enjoys teaching at M.B.A., and she agrees with the discipline system. She says, "I think the demerit system is good if one uses it sparingly and as a last resort."

Mr. Brugh Reynolds, "best looking" member of M.B.A.'s class of '65, is in his first year of teaching. His teaching experience began this past summer teaching Latin at summer school at M.B.A. He teaches 8th grade Latin, Latin I and III.

Mr. Reynolds is less enthusiastic about M.B.A.'s system of discipline. He feels that there is too much regimentation; the students act and think too much alike. He thinks that the demerit system should be altered, if not dropped, because it is "a psychologically ineffective means of discipline."

Mr. Reynolds would also like to see the mini-courses, or other subjects, offered on a full-credit basis and the athletic program de-emphasized. Mr. Reynolds believes that P.E. is necessary in some form because of college requirements, but that the athletic program consumes too much of a student's time. He contends that not every boy is an athlete in some way, and it is these boys that are hampered by having to stay at school to participate.

He is enthusiastic about the small classes. Yet he feels that "M.B.A. has been an excellent school in the past, but it must reorder its priorities to remain an excellent school in the future."

Mr. Anderson Gaither, a graduate of Hillsboro High School and the University of Tennessee, is

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## Dixieland Sound Captivates Hill



Preservation Hall Band in Concert at Currey Gym

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band from New Orleans performed at M.B.A.'s Brownlee O. Currey Gym on Saturday, November 6.

The band, composed of seven musicians, is led by Percy Humphrey. The musicians in the Preservation Hall Jazz Band range between 60 and 79 in age, yet they are all excellent jazz musicians.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band plays Dixieland style jazz. One can hear the strong gospel influences which have been mixed with typical early American blues roots to form this kind of jazz. Spontaneity seems to be the key here: a Dixieland jazzman is judged by his ability to improvise. This spontaneity makes Dixieland jazz one of the most interesting and enjoyable musical forms in the world today.

Preservation Hall itself was originally built as a home in 1850. Since then it has been a tavern, an artist's haven, an art gallery, and is now again a home owned by Allan Jaffe, who runs Preservation Hall, and it is also the home of New Orleans Jazz and the pioneers who created it. Concerts are given there every night by one of the house bands, whose main purpose is to keep Dixieland jazz alive.

After the concert, Buck Cole and I were able to get a short personal interview with Chester Zardis, who, at 71, spoke in a very relaxed manner. He told us that four Preservation Hall Jazz Bands each take turns touring, playing nightly in New Orleans, and resting. Each member of these bands is picked through the local musicians union, but, according to the banister, Chester Zardis, a musician must have quite a reputation to be eligible for membership. He also told us that Preservation Hall Jazz Band had recently returned from Japan, where he was surprised by how much the people there liked the show. He said that they had also been well accepted in England and Germany.

The acoustics of the Brownlee O. Currey Gymnasium suited this concert almost perfectly. Unlike the Vanderbilt Gymnasium, which is an acoustical monstrosity, the MBA gym has remarkable acous-

tics. Hopefully this will aid in booking other concerts of this kind. Nevertheless, it is doubtful that the school will ever sponsor another of these concerts due to the poor attendance of this one. Plagued by the Vanderbilt Homecoming, among other things, the poor attendance of this concert caused the school to lose around \$500.

### Concert Review

The concert itself was certainly one of the best performances I have ever seen. The Preservation Hall Jazz Band is extremely tight but there is still room for improvisation. Powerful performances were given by all of the members of the band, but the audience's favorite seemed to be the drummer, Dave Oxley. His sometimes hilariously funky vocals often got him many laughs, but when he sang "Just A Closer Walk with Thee" the audience was remarkably attentive and quiet. One of the high points of the concert was when banjoist Marvin Kimball broke a string on his banjo, while he was singing. He calmly pulled the broken string off of his banjo, finished his improvisational solo with only four strings. Then we all watched in amazement as the unperturbed Mr. Kimball sang the remaining verse of the song while he calmly re-strung his banjo.

All during the concert the crowd was amused by trombonist Jim Robinson's dancing on stage. Each time, the 79 year old Mr. Robinson was finished dancing, he would motion for Andrew Byrd to get up and dance with him. Of course, Andrew would always decline the offer but near the end of the concert Andrew's instinct to dance got the best of him. Suddenly the audience saw Andrew, Screamin' John Wampler, John Van Valkenburg, Clive Sell, some unidentified hippie, and their respective dates, go jiving onto the floor in untold ecstasies. The members of the band seemed to be watching the inspired choreographers just as attentively as the audience was. Personally, I thought the unidentified hippie and his date could dance better than any of them, but nevertheless the band seemed to like them all.

Bruce Spalding

## 20 Merit Honorees



In late September, the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced that twelve MBA seniors had qualified as National Merit Semifinalists. The Semi-finalists are Carter Andrews, Hank Brooks, who is now attending Vanderbilt, Mac Davis, Jim Hamilton, Harry Hoffman, Dick Koonce, Chan McCullough, Robert Miller, Jim Overton, John Pickens, Clive Sell, and Clay Stephens.

The National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, given each year in late October, is designed to honor students of outstanding scholastic ability

throughout America. The above seniors, who show MBA to have a percentile superiority over all other Nashville schools, are ranked in the top one-half of one percent of the nation's scholars.

In addition to the twelve Merit Semifinalists, eight MBA seniors received Letters of Commendation for their fine performances on the test. The additional eight bring the total number of National Merit Award winners from MBA to twenty. These award winners were Lytle Brown, Arthur Hiller, Richard Puckett, Chase Cole, Ken Quillen, Mike Moynihan, Marc McNanee and Joe Flaut.







# An MBA Student's Guide to Colleges

By Jim Overton and  
the Editors

Each year the MBA senior must undergo the difficult procedure of choosing a college. The following article is a study of college admissions in the hope of lessening the difficulty of this decision. Sources for this article include interviews with admissions officers, **THE UNDERGROUND GUIDE TO THE COLLEGE OF YOUR CHOICE**, and **THE INSIDER'S GUIDE TO THE COLLEGES**. Hopefully, these observations can be useful to you, the student, on choosing a college.

The major concern for a student in selecting a college should be his suitability to the requirements and environment of the college. He should choose a college which is personally suitable in location, size, atmosphere, and social life and which is neither too rigid nor too lax academically.

Colleges base their decisions on applicants in four categories: the student's high-school record, his ACT or SAT scores, his extra-curricular activities, and the recommendations of his headmaster and teachers.

A good high-school record will often outweigh deficiencies in the other areas. The record indicates the quality of the student's daily work. Class rank can be an important factor, but admissions directors usually consider the selective and competitive student body at MBA.

The student's SAT or ACT scores are usually the second criterion, but at large universities, these scores frequently become the primary basis for admission. These tests are used as a measure of innate ability. Often students with high SAT scores, but poor high-school records, are accepted because of evidence of high innate ability. But this situation can also have negative results since it often reveals a lack of motivation.

The SAT scores are used nearly everywhere except by Southern state universities, which use the ACT scores. Achievement tests are not important in admission to college but rather for placement purposes upon acceptance.

Extra-curricular activities often weigh heavily in the college's decision. Selective colleges want well-rounded students, those who are excellent in and active outside the classroom. Outstanding artistic or athletic ability aids in admission.

The headmaster's recommendation is often necessary for admission. Complimentary teacher recommendations are helpful for admissions, but unfavorable teacher recommendations can seldom hurt one's chances for admission.

Although not required by the colleges, the interview can be a major consideration. Admissions officers maintain that a good interview is often sufficient to get a student accepted. The student must hold the interviewer's attention and find an interesting topic of discussion; for example, one student spent over an hour discussing an obscure writer with whom the interviewer was familiar. The interviewers become quite tired of students only interested in trivial questions about the school's academic structure.

Parents should not attend the interview; the admissions officer is interested in the student, not his parents.

If a student is sure of the college that he wants to attend, he should apply on the early decision plan to that school. At least 13 seniors have applied for early decision this year.

There are several advantages to applying for early decision: first, the student is accepted without excessive indecision or waiting; second, the student has a good sense of being accepted on regular admissions if he is turned down on early decision. It is a good idea to apply to several colleges so that in May the students will have a college to attend if rejected by his first choice.

The choice of a college is an important step in life. College can be a rewarding and interesting experience at the right college, or a painfully boring experience at the wrong one. Applying for admission should not be taken lightly.

## College Profiles

The following comments represent a study of several colleges popular among MBA students. The observations are subjective, compiled from visits to the campuses, discussions with students, and the previously mentioned college handbooks.

### The University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee is famous as a fantastic party school. But it is also an interesting combination of various types of people: freaks and country boys, party boys and serious students.

Admissions requirements at U. T. are not demanding. The only requirements for Tennesseans are a C-plus average, a score of 17 on the ACT, and a good recommendation from the school principal. 85% of the student body hails from Tennessee.

The social life is outstanding. Tennessee has both excellent food and dorms. The houses along Fraternity Row are among the best in the nation. Athletics, both intramural and inter-collegiate are major interests of the students. The athletic facilities like the Aquatic Center are fantastic.

The curriculum is very broad, if not always outstanding. Many programs, like journalism or agriculture, can be found there, but not at smaller liberal-arts universities.

For the student interested in a fantastic social environment and broad curriculum, the University of Tennessee is a very good and inexpensive choice.

One of the drawbacks of U.T. is the extremely large student body, consisting of 9,701 men and 5,472 women.

**Vanderbilt University**  
Vanderbilt has long been one of the South's finest universities.

The school offers seniors a chance to remain in Nashville with old friends while they receive an outstanding education. The cost is high, about \$4,400, but it can be reduced by living at home. The SAT scores average 612 Verbal and 644 Math. The admissions office stresses the high-school record and SAT scores.

Preparation for medical study and several liberal arts courses are among the tops in the South. But the classroom pressure is often rigorous.

The fraternities are the center

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of social activity, though many students do not join. The campus offers many courses of entertainment like films and concerts.

Vanderbilt numbers 2,558 men and 1,024 women.  
For the chance to get a fine education amidst a geographically diversified student body, Vanderbilt is the place.

### University of the South

The University of the South is an example of the fine old Southern way of collegiate life. In recent years the quality of its student body seems to have diminished, but it remains a very respected university.

With the recent addition of 200 girls (vs. 800 men), the quality may rise. The social life will improve, but the campus will probably remain rather quiet, beautiful, and dignified. Students still wear coats and ties to classes and meals.

The curriculum is somewhat limited, but the liberal arts departments are very competent. (Have you ever seen **The Seawane Review**?) Classes in religion are still required.

The average SAT scores are 541 Verbal and 568 Math. The cost is about \$3000 a year. Nashville is very accessible during the weekends.

Seawane remains an ideal institution for an above-average student with relatively conservative values.



from Bulletin of Duke Univ.

### Duke University

Duke has developed, along with Vanderbilt, as one of the better Southern academic institutions. The students are intellectually and socially aware.

Academically, Duke rivals the Ivy League colleges. Average SAT scores are 630 Verbal and 660 Math. Duke officials concentrate upon the high school record and extra-curricular activities. The university requires the SATs and three achievement tests (English composition, Mathematics, and a foreign language).

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### Williams College

Williams is an excellent Eastern college. Located in a small rural community, it affords an intellectual environment coupled with peaceful surroundings.

Socially, Williams is average. There is little to do in the area. The closest large urban area is Boston, two and a half hours away. The campus does sponsor some interesting activities; the theater is considered outstanding. Dates are a problem; students must travel for them to several surrounding girls' schools.



from Bulletin of Williams Col.

Despite the unpromising social life, Williams still has advantages. The peaceful surroundings and relatively small enrollment of 1,260 men enhance the academic environment. To find a solid education, the student should consider Williams strongly.

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## Editor's Note

This issue the *Bell Ringer* resurrects the traditional Kulture Korner. Although its outlook is limited, this section will hopefully increase student interest in culture.

When speaking of culture, it is always interesting to note who is cultured and who is not. One sure means of determining the degree to which one is cultured is to evaluate the degree of discrimination one has towards "uncultured" elements. In a word, it is the evaluation of a person's taste. This matter of taste is hard to pin down since it involves many facets of interest and opinion such as food, music, art, and dress. In relation to the M.B.A. student, an article dealing with these topics would require a poll of student opinion to make any general observations on taste. The exception is dress. One needs only to exist on the M.B.A. campus for one day to be able to form an intelligent opinion on the taste in clothes of the M.B.A. student.

Generally speaking, of course, the average M.B.A. student lacks good taste in clothes. This is partially due to the fact that recently more liberal styles of dress have become popular in America. This leaves the M.B.A. student in quite a predicament to dress as most young people do today. This is not to say that the rule is bad. Quite to the contrary, the rule allows the student to wear tasteful clothes. There is nothing to say that just because most people dress a certain way that that manner of dress is the most tasteful. Back to the point, the tasteless M.B.A. student is one who tries to dress according to the youthful standards of the day, yet who still attempts to dress within the rules. Unfortunately, this usually produces the "worst of both worlds."

Flare and Bell-Bottom pants have caused a great deal of the problem. Unfortunately too, clothing manufacturers have added to the problem by making

these pants dominant on their shelves. Today's student wears these pants just as he did the old, conventional cuffed and straight-legged pants. He wears them with the same kind of shoes which simply accentuates the disparity between the pants leg and his own ankle. Flares should be worn with boots or half-boots in order to look as they were meant to look. It is a humorous sight indeed to see the fluttering of the wide pants bottoms over our typical student's Wee-juns as he walks to class.

Another tastelessly imbalanced dress combination is that of a long-pointed collar shirt wrapped in a V-neck sweater. Again the manufacturer is at fault. These shirts were made to be worn with ties, not open-collared. However, they initially sold so well that virtually every store in Nashville completely cut off its entire stock of tasteful button-down collar shirts in favor of the new style. Indeed, many of these are good-looking shirts, but they should be worn with a tie, not a sweater. Speaking of sweaters, they are one of the few commodities that have not been corrupted by the new styles. Many button-down collar shirts are in this category as well, but their availability is slim.

This is not to imply that the new style in dress cannot be tasteful. Indeed it can! It's just that for a new style to be tasteful and acceptable, it does not need to completely abolish the old style. It's a simple matter of the dresser knowing how to combine styles. Again, I am not condemning new clothing fashions. Items mentioned earlier all look great when they combine, not clash with the old styles.

Its no problem to dress tastefully either totally conservatively or totally liberally. The problem is tastefully combining the two styles. So to M.B.A. students everywhere, I'll leave you with this thought: A hint to the wise is sufficient.

## CLEOPATRA REVIEW

## Editor's Note

Be watching for Cleopatra is coming to television this year.

The trend in movie-making today seems to be away from the gaudy and expensive extravaganzas. After a critical analysis of *Cleopatra*, the *Bell Ringer* understands the reason for this trend.

*Cleopatra*, a \$40 million production, includes some fine acting by some very good actors. Indeed, Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor, Rex Harrison, and Roddy McDowell head an excellent cast. Many of the scenes are spectacular in color and action. But, in the wake of these scenes, the audience loses all sense of the story. The plot fades into clouds of colored smoke and crepe paper.

A good example of this fanfare atmosphere is the scene where Cleopatra enters Rome with Caesar's illegitimate child. For some,

there is little intimacy to the affair when thousands of dancing natives dressed in furs are swarming around a mobile sphinx that carries a diamond studded Cleopatra and her ill-wrought child. This scene, as are many others, is boring and almost frustrating to the viewer.

Only a Roman history scholar could possibly sort out the pieces to this disaster. The account is often factually incorrect. The director could have at least provided a small amount of intellect to this spectacle.

After films as *Easy Rider* and *Z. Cleopatra* seems to be without substance. The millions of dollars thrown into this picture have little effect on the quality except for the futile garnishing of a very dead turkey.

by Tom Gildemeister

## Voices From The Past

## Editor's Note

When the whole nation seems to be caught up with nostalgia, it is only fitting for the *Bell Ringer* to try to recall and enjoy MBA's past as it is seen through its newspapers.

## WE WONDER IF YOU KNOW THAT . . .

1. George Washington was still President of the United States when Davidson Academy (now M.B.A.) was established.

2. Three Presidents of the United States—Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and Andrew Johnson—were on the Board of Trustees.

3. At the age of 16, Montgomery Bell was the apprentice to a tanner and at the age of 85, he was a rich industrialist.

4. Montgomery Bell was a bachelor.

5. The personal signature of Sam Davis is inscribed in the same register we sign at the beginning of each school year. Until the Civil War all the boys signed this pledge: "I, the undersigned, shall refrain from hazing and shall abide by the rules of the school, and certify that I have withdrawn all firearms and knives to the headmaster."

6. There were only 19 students in the high school and 25 in grammar school during the year of 1876.

7. During the late 1800's, there were three classes in high school;

the senior class, the middle class, and the junior class.

8. M.B.A. was once a state school endowed with lands belonging to the state.

9. Isaac Ball was headmaster of MBA for thirty years.

10. MBA burned down in 1925. Also in that year, MBA beat Castle Heights 103-0 in football.

11. The original name of "The Bell Ringer" was "Montgomery Bell News."

12. The first annual of MBA came out in 1944 and it's name was "The Maroon and White."

13. The Honor System was adopted at MBA in 1946.

14. Our football field was named for General Frank M. Andrews, Air Force hero of World War II and MBA alumnus.

from *Bell Ringer* (Feb. 22, 1951)

## THE BELLE

In this, the final edition of the 1967-1968 *Bell Ringer*, we would like to extend special recognition to Miss Imogene Kowalski, a true beauty associated with MBA for many years. Imogene is a student at Miss Martha Greensboro's Finishing School for Young Misses (MMGFYSM), where she now serves as president of the Student Council, Honor Council, Key Club, and Rest Room Monitor Squad.

Outside her busy school life, Miss Kowalski has been a mem-



Imogene

ber of Preparatory School Sorority for three years, and this year serves as its beauty and fashion representative. She is also a member of the Primm Springs Chapter of Future Farmers of America and was recently chosen "Miss F.F.A. of Podunk, Tennessee."

In her spare time (when she is not at the Warner Park Drive-In with Gary Moats), Imogene practices her basket-weaving and her planned spinsterhood program. Next fall Miss Kowalski will attend White Bluff Junior College for Spastics where she plans to major in eccentricity. This would be a great end to the teenage career of a small-town girl who made good.

## A. P. SCORES

Last year many seniors took advanced placement examinations to determine if they could receive college credit for high school subjects. M.B.A.'s advanced placement courses are English, American history, and calculus.

The tests are graded by college board examiners. Grades range from one to five. Colleges usually give college credit for fours and fives, honors and highest honors, and occasionally for threes.

Twenty-four of last year's seniors took forty-four A.P. examinations. Thirty of the examinations were fours and fives.

## Homecoming Festivities

On October 22, the Ladies' Auxiliary sponsored the annual M.B.A. Spaghetti Supper and homecoming game. As always, the event, held in the gymnasium, was tremendously successful, with about \$8,000 being collected. This money goes directly to M.B.A. and the mothers receive no compensation. The delicious spaghetti tasted even better because of the many pretty waitresses who volunteered their time. These girls, sisters, and friends of M.B.A. students are always a welcome sight at the school.

After the dinner, parents, alumni, and students watched the football team demolish Springfield 34-8. At halftime, Jane Berry, escorted by Chase Cole,

was crowned as homecoming queen. Mary Pirtle and Brookie Harlin were her attendants.

During the second half, the class winners of the holiday and the individual raffle prize were announced. The eighth grade was victorious over the seventh, the freshmen upset the sophomores, and the seniors outdid the juniors in the battle to see who got to take the following Monday off. The winner of the grand raffle prize, a lawn mower, was Currey Turner; Dale Smith won the second prize, a ten speed bicycle.

After the game, the Candy Strypres entertained students and their dates in the wrestling building with rock music.



New faces on the Hill: (from left to right) Mr. Poston, Mr. Gaither, Mr. Jefferson, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Reynolds, Bowers (see page 6 for Mr. Mathews)

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now teaching Latin IV. Mr. Gaither served three years in the armed forces and just recently obtained his M.S. in classics at U.T. He enjoys teaching at M.B.A. because he feels that, "the students here have higher motivation than students in other schools." Concerning the disciplinary system of M.B.A., Mr. Gaither says, "It is all right the way it is; there is no need to

change it." Mr. Gaither also coaches the junior varsity football team.

Mr. Doug Mathews is the backfield coach of the varsity football squad and seventh grade history teacher. He was quite surprised when Vandy coaches Bill Pace and Tommy Owen offered him the job of coaching at M.B.A.

Mr. Mathews graduated from Picher High School in Picher,

Oklahoma. He then attended a junior college in Northeastern, Oklahoma, and he went to Vanderbilt in 1967, where he majored in history and led the S.E.C. in rushing during his senior year.

Mr. Mathews describes the average M.B.A. student as, "a student that is intelligent, has a desire to learn, and is willing to put out to excel in everything he does."



## WHIT'S PICS A Look at the Big Red Machine

### Preparation

If you ever walk around the MBA campus in the afternoon and see boys running in groups or just by themselves, you can bet that they are getting in shape for cross country or basketball. The same is true if you are at MBA in the summer. Boys are running and lifting weights to be in shape for summer football practice. They know the value of being in good condition, whether for basketball, cross country, or football.

Do you ever wonder what football players do in the off-season? Some play basketball, some wrestle, some play baseball. Those who don't participate in any other sport place themselves in weights and agility. Footballers do this so they can keep in good physical condition and improve their quickness and agility.

Many people do not know the preparation and pre-season work necessary to compete in sports. It takes a great amount of dedication and self-discipline to compete on the varsity level. Next time you are on the Hill, watch for those dedicated boys trying to get themselves in good condition for upcoming sports.

### Do or Die Situation

The true character of the MBA football team was shown in a period of three football minutes. Those minutes were the last three minutes of the Overton-MBA football game on September 24. With 2:49 left to play in the game, MBA trailed 18-14 and had the ball on its own 37 yard line. When the scoreboard showed no time remaining, MBA had its third win of the season, 28-18.

The comeback started when Fred Fisher hit fullback Tate Rich on a delay pass for 28 yards to the Overton 35. Fisher then hit wingback Frank Garrison for 30 yards to the five. Two plays later, Rich bulled four yards for the winning touchdown. To climax the comeback drive, with 1:15 left, Garrison intercepted a stray Overton aerial and ran it in for the final touchdown.

Within those three minutes, MBA's poised Fred Fisher had led the Big Red 63 yards in four plays for the winning touchdown.

### Big Play Man—Tate Rich

After MBA had overcome Overton's lead and had safely put another victory under its belt, I looked back over the entire game and came to the conclusion that Tate Rich's 28 yard run after the pass from Fisher was the big play. That play lifted the spirits and confidence of the team and the cheering section. Right then, the feeling that Fisher would take MBA in for six points and the victory was evident in the stands.

This comeback brings memories of MBA's 95 yard march in the waning minutes to beat Springfield last year. And do you know who started that march—Tate Rich again. Rich started it all by two determined bursts which brought the ball from the five to the forty yard line. From there, Fisher took MBA in to score and win 14-8.



Rich Rambles against Overton

### Four on AAA-Western

MBA placed four players on the NIL All Class-AAA Western Division team: end Tate Rich, guard Trigg McClellan, tailback Bob Latimer, and quarterback Fred Fisher. Fisher was selected as the Western Division Player of the Year.

There were certainly others deserving of all-AAA status. Damon Regen and Hal Justice may have fallen victim to the questionable practice of selecting players from different schools just to represent these schools on the post-season teams.

Middle linebacker Regen was the leading tackler for three straight games. Tight end Justice seemed to catch everything thrown at him.

### On Campus:

—Quarterback Fred Fisher topped two miles in total offense in the game with Hillsboro.

—Flagg Flanagan, MBA's fine junior tennis player, is moving to Pennsylvania at the end of the semester. This is a tough blow to the tennis team, but the *Bell Ringer* wishes him every success.

—School spirit was at its best in the last three minutes against Overton. The team obviously received a boost and rewarded the crowd with a stirring comeback.

—Priceless remark: As the players were walking to the buses following the Pearl-MBA game at West, in which Tate Rich had rushed for 155 yards, mostly up the middle, a Pearl supporter said in an admiring drawl, "Number 33 (Rich), you got a lot of spunk!"

—Wonder where Poot, Trigg, Bobo, and Tennessee Tater will go to college?

## Gridders Have Unbeaten NIL Season

### MBA 59—Glenciff 12

In the home opener for MBA, the Big Red was able to put together a balanced ground attack, led by quarterback Fred Fisher's 136 yards, to run over hapless Glenciff for 361 yards.

Gaping holes were made by the Big Red interior linemen which enabled the starting backs to ramble to a 53 to 6 lead through three periods.

### MBA 34—Hillwood 7

The Big Red, obviously fired up to revenge last season's opening game tie with the Toppers, jumped out to a quick 13-0 lead before Hillwood had even run a series of downs.

After MBA and Hillwood exchanged seven-pointers, Fisher hit tight end Hal Justice for 48 yards and a touchdown. The offense was quite impressive, rolling up 349 total yards.

"back-alley rivalry," the powerful Big Red averaged 10 yards every play. Leading only 20-13 at half, MBA came back to hold the Burros scoreless in the second half.

Meanwhile, Fisher and Co. proceeded to put 21 points on the board as Fisher hit Regen for 40 yards, Latimer dashed 52, and Fisher dived in from the 4.

The Big Red had the ball for 45 offensive attempts. It ripped out 256 yards rushing and 195 passing, a net of 451.

### MBA 35—Brownsville 7

Traveling to Brownsville the next week, the Big Red proceeded to wreck Homecoming for the Tomcats. Highlights were Scrounger Chart leader Robert Ramsey's two interceptions. Warren Johnson also grabbed an enemy pass. The three busloads of MBA rooters were not disappointed as



Fisher Sneaks for 92 Yards.

### MBA 28—Overton 18

On September 24, MBA and Overton locked horns on Frank Andrew's Field. MBA pounced on the Cats for a 14-0 first quarter lead, with TD's coming from Latimer (40 yard run) and Rich (1 yard plunge). For the next 33 minutes, Overton took command of the game scoreboard, 18-14.

MBA quickly regained confidence and poise as Tate Rich bulled over from the 4 yard line, climaxing a stirring 63 yard comeback drive in four plays.

With 1:15 left in the game, Garrison picked off a Bobcat aerial and raced in for a touchdown. As the seconds were ticking off on the scoreboard, the Big Red fans gave a sigh of relief as MBA had won victory number 3.

### MBA 34—Franklin 0

The Big Red defense, battered and bruised, came up with their first shutout of the season.

Justice got the Big Red rolling with touchdown receptions of 7 and 10 yards. Bill Carpenter ran a recovered fumble in for seven points from the Franklin 12. The defense allowed Franklin only 79 yards in total offense.

### MBA 41—Hillsboro 13

On October 8, in a traditional

Fisher led the scoring with three touchdowns.

### MBA 34—Springfield 8

The state's number one ranked team delighted a good Homecoming crowd as the offense amassed 470 yards in total offense. Individually, Bob Latimer scampered for 181 yards in 16 carries.

Touchdowns were scored by Curtis, Regen, Justice, Fisher, and Latimer, as the offense produced a balanced scoring attack.

### MBA 45—Pearl 6

In the game with Pearl at West on October 23, MBA got on the scoreboard when Frank Garrison slashed 9 yards for a first-quarter touchdown. Pearl and MBA swapped touchdowns in the second quarter and the half ended 14-6 in favor of MBA.

A fired-up Big Red squad came out in the second half and proceeded to thrash the tigers, as fullback Tate Rich, running for 155 yards, scored on two three yard runs and a 21 yard draw play.

Defensive end Bill Carpenter pounced on a Pearl fumble in the end zone to record his second touchdown of the season. Ernie Leonard finished the scoring with his first field goal of the year, a 23 yard effort.

## Coach Drake Reviews 4-2 J.V. Season

The MBA Junior Varsity was coached this year by Mr. Mike Drake and Mr. Andy Galtier. Coach Drake gives a summary of the games and his thoughts about the season.

### September 27—B.G.A.

After falling behind 6-0 in the first period, the J.V. exploded for 22 points in the third quarter and defeated Battle Ground 22-14. MBA scored touchdowns on two long runs by Hill Granbery and one by Wade Cowan.

### September 30—Overton

Playing two games in the same week in early season 85 degree weather proved to be too much for the Big Red. After a good first half which saw MBA trail 31-0, the team wilted in the second half.

heat. We were overpowered by Overton offensively and had trouble getting our own offense going. The one highlight came on a 12 yard pass from John Nesbitt to Tom Delvaux to salvage (Continued Page 6)

## Seniors Lead Harriers

This year cross-country became an NIL sport, divided into Eastern and Western divisions, each consisting of five teams. In three Western division meets, seniors Clay Stephens (captain) and John Van Volkenburgh led the team to three consecutive second place finishes, with Stephens placing second, ninth, and fourth and Van Volkenburgh placing seventh, and eighth in the three meets. Sophomore Lee Thornton also contributed fine eleventh, eighth, and tenth place finishes to help MBA gain second place in the Western division.

In a dual meet with Ryan, MBA's depth provided a 27-29 win with Stephens, Van Volkenburgh, Thornton, Greg McNair, Marsh, and Jim Overton placing third, fourth, fifth, sixth, ninth, and tenth, respectively.

John Van Volkenburgh paced the team in the Lipscomb Invitational to a seventh place finish out of twelve teams. He placed twenty-fourth over all.

In a triangular meet with BGA and Castle Heights, Van Volkenburgh led again, placing seventh, but MBA could muster only a third place finish.

John Van Volkenburgh ran an outstanding race in the NIL Championships, placing eighth in the city and leading the team to third place in the NIL. Lee Thornton also ran exceptionally well, placing fourteenth.

In a home meet with BGA and Ryan, Clay Stephens placed fourth behind BGA's Jay Norlyke's course record of 9:43. Van Volkenburgh placed seventh, but MBA could again manage only a second place tie with Ryan.

John Van Volkenburgh once again led the team to a ninth place finish out of twenty-five teams in the A.F. Bridges Invitational, as he finished forty-second out of 180 runners.

In an outstanding team effort, MBA outdistanced Clarksville Northwest and Ryan by a score of 40-41-45. Clay Stephens and John Van Volkenburgh led the way with fourth and fifth place finishes, but Bill Shell saved the meet by nipping a Ryan runner at the tape.

John Van Volkenburgh faced excellent competition in the Regional Championships, and rose to the challenge by placing twenty-third out of over 120 runners in one of his best efforts of the year. Clay Stephens and Lee Thornton also ran well, but MBA placed only ninth.

Next year should also be successful, with a string of lettermen returning (Lee Thornton, Ed Park, Bobby Toash, Bill Shell, Greg McNair), and with B-team standouts Al Marsh, David Wells, Andy Stumb, and Bill Rayburn moving up to the varsity.

The Microbe cross country team was also very successful, posting a 26-32 win over Ensworth in their first met. Hal West, along with Andy Bishop and Bill Dickerson, led the team placing second, fourth, and fifth, respectively.

In the first H.V.A.C. meet, Dale Berry and Hal West led the team to a second place finish.

In the second H.V.A.C. meet, Berry and West again led the team to second place in the H.V.A.C. They received strong support from Bishop and Dickerson.

The eventual H.V.A.C. Champions, Lipscomb, defeated the MBA Microbes 23-32 in a dual meet. Berry, West, Bishop, and Billy Anderson ran well.

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## GRIDIRON STARS MATHEWS & MOREL



M &amp; M

When Coach Bobby Morel trotted onto the practice field one August afternoon sporting his orange and white football pants, Coach Doug Mathews just could not resist the temptation to quip, "You'd look better with nothin' on at all, Coach."

"Eat your heart out, baby," was the quick reply from a smiling Coach Morel.

As quickly as it started, the kidding stopped, and MBA football players began learning how to play football from two of college footballs best—Tennessee's All-SEC noseguard, Bobby Morel, and Vanderbilt's league leading rusher, Doug Mathews. Together, these two men have logged much playing time against the nation's best competition. Their experiences in football are many, and generously they agreed to talk about their playing days and some of their more recently formed opinions of coaching.

"P-I-e-h-e-r with no 't' is the Oklahoma home town of Doug Mathews. He lettered in basketball and track as well as football where he was an All-State quarterback. No major colleges recruited him while he was in high school. "I went to a junior college, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, which was about ten miles from my home." After establishing himself as an outstanding junior college prospect, Mr. Mathews found himself recruited by several major schools including SMU, Cincinnati, Kansas, and Vanderbilt. Coach Bill Pace, who was also from Picher, was the decisive factor in his selection of Vanderbilt.

According to Coach Mathews the big difference in major college and high school or junior college football is better coaching. "Good teams just don't make mistakes. You don't see a quarterback roll out one way and then come back the other way and score like you do in high school or junior college. Well-coached defensive teams don't allow you to do that. You don't get hit that much harder in the SEC, but you get hit more often, and you are not going to make as many good plays."

Coach Mathews rated the Michigan Wolverines as the best team the Commodores played in his two years at Vanderbilt. His biggest thrill in football was Vandy's 10-7 upset victory over Alabama in his senior year. Individually he played his best game against Tulane. "That was my best rushing day. We had been running a veer, and that game we switched to an I-formation. I had 214 yards and eventually we won the game."

Although he does not like to talk about it as much, Coach Mathews led the SEC in another category, kick-off returns. "That's something you don't want to lead in. It's based on total yardage and not your average return per kick. I think Jeff Peoples broke that record last year, thank goodness."

Last year Mr. Mathews coached at Vanderbilt while finishing his education. Of his transition from player to coach he said, "The hardest thing about my job at Vandy was coaching guys that I had run around with. You really can't coach them—or you can't—you hate to. They're your friends and you can't be above them, and I think in coaching you have to keep a little distance between yourself and the players. You need to have the respect of the players, and at the same time you should have some respect for them, too."

"Coaching freshmen or high school players is not as big a problem. The big tendency is to forget how you were at that age. You have to realize that there are going to be some boys at some positions who just aren't very good athletes. You need to go a'ong with them, encourage them, and keep things basically simple for them."

Coach Mathews loves football, and he has a genuine enthusiasm for his work. "I can't really call it a job. It's a lot like playing, and I wanted to stay close to football."

Coach Bobby Morel was an all-around athlete at BGA. He caught in baseball and played center for the basketball team. He played football, too, and when his career ended at the Franklin school, his honors included "All-Midstate

and All-State two years, and All-Southern one year."

(Note: At this point Coach Mathews interrupts, "He's lyin'. You'd better check on that. You know how these Tennessee folks are.")

Unlike Coach Mathews he was recruited heavily in high school by one of the major universities in the South. "I was very much impressed by Auburn and Alabama at that time, but I felt I was a Tennessee boy and I wanted to stay in my home state."

"The major difference in high school and college football is depth-wise. In high school you may run against one or two good football players, while in college everybody is good and you have to go out to practice every day and turn in a good performance or the guy behind you, who is also an All-Stater, will get your position. Competition is the biggest difference."

Coach Morel is a veteran of the Gator and Bluebonnet Bowls in which the Big Orange played Syracuse and Tulsa respectively. He played against many of today's most famous professionals in Mel Farr, Gary Beban, Floyd Little, Larry Csonka, Tucker Frederickson, Howard Twilley, and Joe Namath. He rates 237 pound Larry Csonka, now with the Miami Dolphins, as the best running back he faced. "We had a banquet before the Gator Bowl and he sat right across from me. His hands were so big that he couldn't get a finger through the handle of his cup of coffee. He ran with authority."

Coach Morel selected UCLA as Tennessee's toughest opponent, and he remembered that game which the Vols won 37-34 as his best game. "I made three tackles in a row on Beban. That was my best year."

Kentucky was the hardest hitting team in Coach Morel's opinion. "Those guys would flat knock your bristles off." He regarded a 7-7 tie with Alabama as Tennessee's most thrilling game. "We were tied late in the game and Ken Stabler threw the ball out of bounds to stop the clock for a field goal. He thought it was third down, but it was fourth down, and the game ended in a tie. Alabama was always exciting."

Coach Morel has not found the change from player to coach a difficult adjustment. "You never really get over the excitement and fun of football once you've played it, but coaching is rewarding, too, in that you can see boys develop some of the different techniques that you've tried to teach them. To watch a boy throw a good block or stalemate a double-team has the same type effect as if you had made the play yourself."

"Sports help build character," according to Coach Morel, and he would be the last to de-emphasize their importance. "I think athletics develops an individual all the way around. For instance, when you're off at college, things might not go exactly like you want them to, but by having participated in sports, you know what it's like to be down, and you find the strength to come back and win."

Mr. Bobby Morel and Mr. Doug Mathews have seen their last days as football players. They have endured the sweat and hard work it takes to be a winner and they have enjoyed the glories of success. Now they are teaching the game they know best to privileged MBA football players, and the amazing thing about them is that they seem to have lost none of their love or enthusiasm for the game. These men take pride in themselves and their work, and their presence on The Hill will serve as a definite boost to MBA fortunes in the future.

## J. V. Review

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some face in a 40-6 loss.

### October 7—Franklin

Playing a somewhat inexperienced Franklin eleven, we scored the first two times we had the ball and then saw several other scoring opportunities disappear in a 12-0 win. The touchdowns were scored on passes from Denny Thompson to Tom Delvaux and to Dan Barge.

The highlight of the game was the defense, which limited Franklin to one first down and intercepted four passes. The game ended with MBA on the Franklin one yard line.

### October 14—Hillwood

The Big Red came back from two early mistakes to catch Hillwood in the fourth quarter only to lose the game 20-14 in the last three minutes. The Big Red took a 6-0 lead on a 50 yard run by Denny Thompson and then gave up two touchdowns on mistakes to fall behind 14-6.

In the fourth quarter, after a safety had made it 14-8, the Big Red tied the score on a 12 yard pass from Thompson to Tim Douglas. But Hillwood came back on a 70 yard drive to cap the victory with 2:30 to play.

### October 26—Father Ryan

In what has to rank as one of the most exciting games ever played at MBA, the Junior Varsity gave Ryan a 12-0 lead and came back to win 20-14. After several mental mistakes had given the Irish a 12-0 lead, the Big Red came out looking like a different team. We drove for touchdowns the first two times we had the ball, with Wade Thornton and Larry Wieck getting the scores. The all-important second extra-point by Denny Thompson gave MBA a 14-12 lead. After a safety had made it 14-14, MBA drove 78 yards with the ball in the fourth quarter only to run out of steam at the Ryan 20.

After a fumble recovery on the 27 with 1:34 to go, MBA drove in with Denny Thompson going 2 yards on the fourth down for the score with 6:34 to go, capping a 20-14 win. This highlighted a fine 4-2 Junior Varsity season.

### Freshman Football

The freshman football team this year had a record of two wins and three losses.

Injuries to key personnel hurt the team's performance. Joe Davis, Morgan Crawford, and Jimmy Diehl missed the games. There are many prospects for the varsity squad. Joe Davis, Robert Harris, and Johnny Parker seem to be the top prospects in the backfield. Jimmy Chandler and Bill Scanlan are the outstanding linemen.

### Microbe Football

The Microbes finished their season with a successful 4-2 record. The Little Red was victorious beating Brentwood 27-0, BGA 13-0, Ensforth 15-0, Lipscomb 32-0; the losses were to the overpowering Franklin Rebels, 13-6 and Grassland 13-7.

In the line, 187 pound Oman Weiland, Mike Ralston, and Jeff Rappuhn provided the brunt of the Little Red's line attack. Quarterback Don Orr, John Hill, Clinton Regen, and Steve Birch provided the scoring thrust. Birch led all MBA scorers with seven touchdowns.

### Seventh Grade Football

Although the Seventh Grade football team had only a 2-2-1 record, the Little Red played well throughout the season. Hurt by injuries to Danny Newman and Bobby Garner, the team was led by Lee Edmondson and Raymond Lackey. Pat Brakefield, Nelson Griswold, Chuck Lassing, and others played major roles for the team.

## Netters Play Vandy Alumni

On October 7, the MBA varsity tennis team had the honor of playing some Vanderbilt graduate students at MBA. MBA's team was composed of Rip Trammell, Flagg Flanagan, Gil Templeton, Ed McManus, and Johnny Howell. Greer Cummings, Jim Cheek, Kenny Campbell, Al Mazur, and Richard Hines were on Vandy's team. The final score was: MBA, 1-Vanderbilt, 4.

Playing in the first position for MBA, Rip Trammell defeated Greer Cummings, an MBA alumnus, 6-2, 6-4. Greer, now in his second year of law school, played on Vanderbilt's tennis team for four years while he was an undergraduate. He was the number one player for his first three years.

Last summer, Cummings advanced to the semi-finals in the men's division in the Nashville City Open Tennis Tournament, where he was defeated by Thy Butche, the top pro at Belle Meade Country Club.

Flagg Flanagan, MBA's number two player, was defeated by Jim Cheek, also an MBA alumnus, by the score of 7-5, 6-3.

Cheek is a part-time professor at Vanderbilt Law School. He graduated from Duke University and Vanderbilt Law School. Recently he participated in a tennis match between the American Bar Association and the English Baristers at Wimbledon, England.

Playing in third position for MBA was freshman Gil Templeton. Gil was defeated 6-1, 7-5 by former Vanderbilt basketball star Kenny Campbell, now enrolled in the Vanderbilt Law School.

Vanderbilt's Al Mazur, now in his first year of law school, defeated Ed McManus 6-3, 6-3. Al is from Birmingham, Alabama. He attended Vanderbilt Undergraduate School and played on Vanderbilt's tennis team.

Richard Hines was the number five player for the visitors. He defeated MBA's freshman Johnny Howell, 6-1, 6-1. Hines played the second position on Baylor's tennis team in high school. He is now in his third year at Vanderbilt Law School.

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Brion Friedman and Hal Cunningham placed second and fourth in the A.F. Bridges Invitational to grab two of the five trophies. Steve Ellis and seventh-grader Andy Bishop also placed well in this contest of seventh, eighth and ninth graders.



Captain Clay Stephens